

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.

DESTRUCTION OF A BAND OF GUERRILLAS.

150 Killed and Wounded and 50
Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1864.

The following dispatch has been received

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Monday, Feb. 8, 1864.

Gen. Foster telegraphs from Knoxville, under date of yesterday, that an expedition sent against Thomas and band of Indians and whites at Quillstown, has resulted completely successful. They surprised the town and wounded 215, took 50 prisoners, and dispersed the remainder of the gang in the mountains. Our loss was 2 killed and 6 wounded.

U. S. GRANT, Major-General.

IMPORTANT FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

The Free-State Nominating Convention—Two Candidates for Governor in the Field.

By the arrival of the steamship Geo. Cromwell, Capt. Post, we have dates from New-Orleans to the 2d inst. The George Cromwell made the passage on six days and eighteen hours, one of the quickest on record. The allengrossing subject of interest was the Free-State Convention and the coming election. On the 2d Gen. Banks wrote a letter to the Free-State Central Committee in reference to the qualifications of voters, registration, and the proper time for electing delegates to a Constitutional Convention.

The election takes place on the 23d inst., and Louisiana will then take her proper stand once more in the Union of States.

The Union men are jubilant over the fact that this will be the first State restored.

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FROM SANDUSKY.

Report of Rebel Prisoners from Johnson's Island—Grand Ball to Patriotic Ladies of Sandusky.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

SANDUSKY, O., Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1864.

A special dispatch from Fortress Monroe to The Baltimore American, from Mr. G. C. Fulton, who is at City Point, says:

The Rebel flag-of-fame steamer Schultz, with Commissary Gold and Capt. Hatch, the train officer, arrived on Sunday evening. Two hundred prisoners, brought down by the Schultz, were sent on board the New-York. They were both Marylanders; one of them, Mr. A. Brengle of Frederick, Md., was captured at Middleburg on the 2d of June last, while acting as a volunteer assistant to the S. J. Murray Commission; and the other, George W. Langley of Baltimore County, was captured while driving a wagon of the Hethian Commission near Chancellorsville, on the 2d of November.

They were released through the intercession of Mr. Petiken.

They brought exciting news from Richmond which they represent was in a state of the most material excitement from midnight on Saturday up to the time they left on Sunday afternoon.

At midnight on Saturday the bells of the city were rung, and men were rushing through the streets crying, "To arms! To arms! The Yankees are coming!

During the remainder of the night there was an intense commotion everywhere visible. The Home Guard was called out, and the camp of armed men could be heard in all directions.

Cannon were hauled through the streets; women and children were hurrying to and fro, and there were all the evidences of such a panic as has seldom been witnessed in Richmond.

On Sunday morning there was no abatement in the excitement. The guards were all marched out of the city to the defenses, and the armed citizens were placed on guard over the prisoners.

Horsemen were dashing to and fro and the excitement among the prisoners to know the cause of this excitement became intense.

It was soon learned that a large cavalry and infantry force, with artillery, had made their appearance on the roads to the south of the city, and that Richmond was actually threatened by the Yankees.

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